UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT LOCAL RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

November 13, 2006

Re: Local Rules of the U.S. District Court

Misc. 06-102 In re: Local Rules Review Committee

Dear Federal Practitioners:

We write to you as the co-chairs of the Local Rules Review Committee created pursuant to L.R. Gen. 113(b)(1) of the Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. The Committee is tasked with reviewing the Local Rules on an ongoing basis, consulting with the Bar and the public, and recommending proposed amendments to the Court. The Committee is obliged to report to the Court annually; it intends to submit its first Report on or before June 30, 2007.

The purpose of this letter is to request suggestions from the bar regarding the Local Rules. Specifically, we are soliciting your comments on your experience with these Local Rules, whether new Rules should be added, and whether any existing Rules should be amended or deleted.

We ask that all comments be provided in writing to the Clerk of the Court in the format described below by **February 28, 2007**. To facilitate this process, your comments may be submitted <u>electronically</u> via email to <u>Local Rules@rid.uscourts.gov</u>, or <u>in writing</u> to:

Clerk's Office United States District Court One Exchange Terrace Providence, RI 02903.

To assist us in reviewing your comments, we ask that you be as specific as possible:

If you are proposing to amend a Rule, your comment should identify the Rule, provide the text of the proposed amendment, and state the reason for the proposed change.

If you are proposing a new Rule, set forth the text of the new Rule, describe where you believe the new Rule should be inserted and set forth the reason for the new Rule.

If you propose to eliminate a Rule, describe with specificity the text you propose to eliminate and state the reason.

The Court has opened a miscellaneous case file for the business of the Local Rules Review Committee, with the caption and number listed above. Included in the file is a list of the members of the Local Rules Review Committee and their terms, which is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office and is also available on the Court's website at www.rid.uscourts.gov. An electronic version of the file has been posted to PACER.

Best regards,

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